

## POSTAGE RATE ON NEWSPAPERS MAY REMAIN AS NOW

### Secretary Burleson Suggests Congress Ignore Recommendation He Made

Information that will be interesting to readers of newspapers and magazines and that is of special interest to Honolulu papers comes by the last mail. It now appears unlikely that postal rates which would be practically prohibitive on newspapers and magazines will be contained in coming legislation. Postmaster-General Burleson suggests to house committee on postoffice that it disregard the recommendation he made in his message of June 30 be disregarded.

Writing to Representative Moon, chairman of the postoffice committee, Postmaster-General Burleson says in part:

"Since writing my annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1916, there has appeared before me a committee representing the Agricultural Publishers' Association, also other representatives of periodicals and magazines, all of whom earnestly urged that no steps be taken at this time to increase the rates of postage on second class matter. These representatives claim that the war and other unusual conditions have recently caused an abnormal increase in the price of paper, and such increases, coming as they did after the contracts had been entered into for the advertising matter, seriously threaten the financial stability of these periodicals and publications.

"Because of these facts, which were not available at the time my report was written, I feel constrained to write you this letter and state that while I still adhere to the recommendations on this subject contained in my annual report, I feel that most serious consideration should be given to the representations of these publishers. If conditions are as stated it might be well to consider an increase in rates of postage on second class matter should be variable.

"Professor J. H. Burleson, a decided success, has been both in Honolulu and elsewhere. His first song was 'Bravest Heart May Swell,' by his second number will be 'Doctor's Love Song,' by C. H. Young, the evening of the Y. M. C. A. at the Moana hotel Saturday, featuring Herbert's 'Red Mill.' The song will sing 'Recreation in a Lip at the emergency hospital.'

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## BOOZE AND GAS DO NOT MIX WELL

Too much liquor was the cause of a serious auto accident on Kalakaua Saturday night, of a bad motorcycle spill near the same place Sunday afternoon, of several other minor accidents and of over half of approximately 45 arrests made by the police on Saturday and Sunday.

C. W. Sleeper, said to have been under the influence of liquor, crashed into a liquor delivery wagon of Otaki in the auto accident, careening into an electric light pole, scattering bottles of beer all over the street and tearing the machine to pieces. No one was seriously hurt. Sleeper has been released on a \$100 bond to appear Tuesday.

Chief McDuffie was following Sleeper and trying to catch him to arrest him for heedless driving when the accident occurred. The Japanese driver was thrown from his vehicle and Sleeper went through the windshield. A man and a woman who were with him escaped unhurt to hide in the bushes where they were discovered by McDuffie.

The motorcycle affair Sunday afternoon came when Louis Pui tried to take the turn from the right to the left side of Kalakaua near John Ena road where the new pavement is being laid. He was going to Waikiki with a friend riding tandem and had passed three autos at a terrific rate just before he swung out for the curve to be precipitated into the bushes.

W. M. Hutton, detective and police officer, who was in one of the cars which had been passed, was the first man on the scene. He called for the ambulance but when it arrived Pui had entirely recovered from the fall under his machine. Nevertheless he took a ride to the police station, charged with heedless driving and operating his machine without a license. He is out on \$110 bail to appear Tuesday. The police say he had been drinking.

Other accidents and troubles which came to the attention of the police was the crash of John Ena's car with auto No. 827 on Beretania near Alapai Saturday afternoon and the fracture of Tai San Lee's shoulder when he fell from Edward Willis' truck at the corner of Queen and Nuuanu streets the same afternoon.

T. K. Sung's bicycle was damaged on Hotel near Maunakea Sunday by an unknown truck, and auto No. 2475, driven by F. Bederman, ran into Chowling on horseback near Fort Shafter Sunday, injuring the animal so severely that it had to be shot.

Ray Ellis fell from the third floor of the Moana hotel Saturday, fracturing his leg. The A. B. Robinson had four stitches on his hip at the emergency hospital.

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## MRS. C. N. ARNOLD TAKEN INTO FOLD

Mrs. Cecelia Nellson Arnold, widow of the late Charles N. Arnold, died Sunday, following a week's illness. The body was to be on view at Williams' undertaking parlors after 3 o'clock this afternoon. Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the same parlors. The body will be cremated and the ashes given burial in Nuuanu cemetery, where the husband of the deceased is buried. The late husband was a Civil War veteran and prominent in G. A. R. circles.

Mrs. Arnold, who as one of the best known Hawaiian women of her day, was born in Honolulu on January 5, 1858, and would be 59 years old next Friday, had she lived. Her husband died here in 1890. She was educated at the Holy Cross school, Episcopal, in Lahaina, Maui, and was one of the first students of that institution.

Surviving the deceased are Supervisor Charles N. Arnold and Arthur K. Arnold, sons; Miss Alice Arnold, Mrs. M. L. Gerst, Mrs. Arthur McDuffie, Miss Lillian C. Arnold and Miss Leinuala Y. Arnold, daughters, all of them, with the exception of Lillian, being at the bedside when their mother passed away. There are also eight grandchildren and a number of nephews and nieces.

Miss Lillian C. Arnold, who has been away in the mainland, will arrive in the Matsushita tomorrow morning from San Francisco, and expected to be with her mother at their joint birthday, which falls next Friday.

Mrs. Arnold was for many years connected with the Seaside Hotel at Waikiki, and up to her death conducted the Halekuanani Hotel, also at Waikiki, which she owned.

## St. Francis Hotel To Boost Hawaii Strong in 1917

"We are going to do our best to boom Hawaii in 1917" is the New Year greeting sent to the Hawaii Promotion Committee by the manager of the St. Francis Hotel. In a letter to A. P. Taylor, secretary of the committee, the manager announces that one of the booklets, the Hawaiian Primer, will be placed in every room in the hotel.

Taylor says that this offer guarantees one of the best bits of publicity that Hawaii could receive. The Palace Hotel has already asked for a number of booklets which would be given to all the guests of the hotel. Each arriving guest in the two big hotels will be given full information regarding Hawaii. The St. Francis Hotel also offered to place on display, and advertising posters regarding Hawaii in a prominent place in the lobby of the Powell street hostelry.

Record shooting on the National Guard rifle range came to an end yesterday. On account of the holidays only a few men of the guard have taken advantage of record shooting this year.

Lieut. Thomas Evans, the crack shot of the National Guard team that went to Florida last year, upheld his shooting ability by making the second highest score in the regiment this year, his score being 268 points, which puts him in the expert class and the winner of the trophy awarded by Maj. M. M. Johnson of the 1st Battalion.

John Stone, another member of the rifle team, made a good score, his total running up to 263.

On account of unfavorable weather during the past three Sundays on the range many of the former expert riflemen fell far below their usual scores. Cpl. Albert Akana is the winner of a special prize offered by Capt. Henry O'Sullivan of Company A for making the highest score in that command.

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Circuit Judge James L. Coke for successor to Federal Judge Charles F. Clemons, resigned.

This is the present day prediction of local political prophets who have been trying to figure out who would succeed Judge Clemons, whose resignation has been accepted, to take effect January 15.

A wireless despatch says it is understood in the national capital that Judge Coke will get the bench position and that it is likely he will be recommended to the president by Attorney General Gregory.

Judge Coke did not express surprise today when informed of the contents of the despatch, but declared he has heard nothing about it.

"I am far from dissatisfied with the position I now hold," Judge Coke says, "but any man would welcome a promotion of that nature. If the attorney general feels that I am qualified for the position I would be flattered and would accept the appointment. But the whole proposition is new to me."

It is reported that a cablegram recently was received in local official circles requesting information regarding Judge Coke's qualifications for what is believed to be a possible appointment to the federal bench. But the person receiving this cablegram is required to keep its contents confidential and will not discuss it.

Samuel B. Kemp, assistant U. S. attorney, is being mentioned as a likely successor to Hon. E. M. Watson, former associate justice of the supreme court. U. S. Attorney S. C. Huber also has been mentioned as a successor to Judge Clemons.

## SERIOUS CHARGE CAUSES ARREST

On a charge made by a middle-aged Chinese man, Chew Teuk, of an infamous crime, A. B. Vierra, for some time with the Honolulu fire department, was arrested early this morning by the police. The defendant is now out on a bond placed by his attorney of \$500.

Chew made the complaint to the police last night and was taken to the emergency hospital. Shortly afterwards Vierra was arrested behind the Hawaii Meat Company store, where the offense is said to have occurred. The police say he was identified by Chew, and that there was sufficient incriminating evidence against him to bear out the charge.

Chief Thurston of the fire department said this morning that Vierra had been with the department at the Central station for about eight months but that his connections were severed last night—the end of the year—before anything was known of the latest charge. The chief had intended to file charges of drunkenness and neglect of duty against Vierra with the civil service commission and had already received Vierra's resignation.

POLICE TAKE PRECAUTION FOR NEW YEAR'S TROUBLE WHICH DOES NOT APPEAR

Sheriff Rose reports that Saturday night and New Year's Eve were especially quiet and orderly and that, though extra precautions had been taken to handle any disturbance, nothing out of the ordinary occurred.

There was a rumor that the soldiers would mob the police out of spite for the trouble a week ago with the officers but the nearest to a riot was in Kailua where a couple of civilians were said to be assaulted by a gang of soldiers. The crowd dispersed before the police could identify any trouble makers.

LONDON GAVE DENIAL TO CANARD UPON SOLDIER

In a letter to a friend, Lieut. James D. Wilson of the navy recruiting station, Minneapolis, Minn., the late Jack London on August 5, last year, just after he had returned to the mainland from Hawaii, emphatically denied he was the author of a statement to the effect that "being a soldier is the lowest aim in life."

London says, in his letter: "In reply to your inquiry I will state that I never wrote a line of 'Good Soldier' canard. My opinion is that it behooves a country like the United States to maintain a reasonable preparedness for defense against any country or nation that at any time may go out upon the way of war to carve earth space for itself out of weaker and unprepared nations."

SCHOFIELD NOTES

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence) FOR SHERIFF JAN. 1.—The officers are all busy with numerous reports regarding efficiency of subordinate officers, regular muster and inspection returns, cards stating preference for certain stations and arms of service, property return and a vast amount of routine, statistical reports which are always necessary and required January 1 of each year.

The report of the 2nd Infantry library shows a great increase in the number of books of that collection due to the expenditure for new and important volumes from the library fund, collected by voluntary contributions from the officers of the regiment for the benefit of the command.

Chapel services during the week will be Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. and morning prayer at 10 a. m. on Monday, New Year's Day, and Saturday, Feast of the Epiphany, evensong at 5 p. m.

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## REPORT PINKHAM TO APPEAL FROM VAUGHAN OPINION

Understood He Will Act for Filipino Guardsmen; Says Nothing Definite

That Governor Pinkham is planning to appeal from the decision handed down by Federal Judge Horace W. Vaughan on Saturday denying Filipinos the right to become naturalized American citizens, is the substance of a report that has gained circulation in National Guard circles.

Governor Pinkham today declined to affirm or deny the report. He said: "There is nothing to confirm. I am not ready to act. I have not yet received the opinion and have not yet conferred with the proper authorities. There is nothing definite, and cannot be until Wednesday or Thursday."

Alfred Ocampo, police officer and detective, whose petition for naturalization was denied in the decision, says that an officer of the National Guard told him that Governor Pinkham would appeal in behalf of the Filipino guardsmen. Ocampo adds he has not yet given thought to the matter of a personal appeal.

Judge Vaughan's decision has caused no little flurry in guard circles, especially among the Filipino companies. More than 100 members of Filipino companies already have filed in federal court their declarations of intention to become American citizens.

This rush of Filipinos to the court to secure their first papers began several months ago, shortly after Federal Judge C. F. Clemons filed a decision holding that Filipinos were eligible for American citizenship. Under the Clemons decision three Filipinos already have been naturalized.

OLD WORSHIPER OF STATUE REMEMBERED FIRST OF NEW YEAR

It has been a real "Happy New Year" for the statue worshipper.